

## Those Were the Days First School in West Bountiful Erected on 10th North, Tuition Set at 60¢ Per Year

It's that time of year again when the school bells begin to ring and the lazy days of summer are coming to an end.

Education was stressed among the settlers of 1847-48. Some of the young people who came with the first pioneers had already graduated from colleges in the East and were prepared to teach. A school was built on the Anson Call property, where 400 North and 200 West intersect. This building was used for a number of years for public and church meetings.

Many years later a school was built on 400 North and just about 200 West. The **McGuffy First through Fifth Readers** were used. Having to work on the farms in the spring and fall, the students were many years in finishing these books and would be taller than the teacher. More than one child in a family would have to use the same book and take turns going to school. This school was in use for about 30 years.

The first school in West Bountiful was located on 10th North. It consisted of one room with one lone teacher. He was to care for all of the pupils, ranging from young beginners to men and women who were anxious to learn. Schools were not free in those days. Pupils had to pay sixty cents tuition fees. The school was warmed by an old black potbelly stove. Some people taught their own children at home because the school was too far from their homes.

The second school was a one-room adobe building. The students faced the south end of the room, with two students occupying each bench. The teacher had a huge cupboard in the corner. Its large doors made a favorite hiding place for the boys. The children attended school three months during the winter. They borrowed books from each other. Their books were called Primers. They studied reading, geography, spelling and grammar, writing their lessons on slates. The teachers boarded with the various families in the community. Some of the boys got so unruly that the teachers were forced to leave. They had as many as four-to-five teachers in three months' time.

Construction on the school, built just before the present elementary school, was begun in 1907. It was designed

and built under the direction of Walter E. Grant and William Lodder. Mr. Grant laughed at how the people scoffed at them for building eight rooms. The people said there would never be enough pupils to fill them!

The grade explanation on the back of an old report card said, "Perfection in any branch is denoted by 100. Anything below 65 is considered a failure; anything below 70 is very unsatisfactory, and the pupil will be expected to use extra efforts to remove all deficiencies. When anything not satisfactory is reported, it is requested that the parents should visit



the school and ascertain, if possible, the cause."

*(West Bountiful, A Pictorial History)*

## And Speaking of Schools...

The University of Utah in Bountiful will be offering an ACT Prep Course, which is designed to prepare students for the ACT Reasoning Test. There is eighteen hours of instruction and testing and also includes a diagnostic test to assess pre-course performance levels. This course will be held on Tuesday nights from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. starting September 9th and will run through October 21st. For more information or to register, call 581-6984.



*The overwhelming majority of Americans are possessed of two great qualities—a sense of humor and a sense of proportion.*

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

## Mark Your Calendar

### October

- **Scarecrow/Pumpkin Contest** - Kids of all ages 1-99 Join in the fun and take a chance of winning a cash prize (1st Place \$20, 2nd Place \$15, 3rd Place \$10.). Scarecrows and Pumpkins will be displayed in front of City Hall October 15 through October 30. Judging will be done at 5:00 pm on October 30. Rules and Regulations and application forms can be picked up at City Hall beginning October 1 or accessed on the city website You may also contact Debbie McKean at 298-3179.
- **Safe Halloween** sponsored by the Youth City Council on Friday, October 31 at City Hall. 5:30 pm - 7 pm - Safe Trick or Treats for children under 11. Bring a Canned good or non-perishable item for the food pantry and receive a Glow in the Dark necklace.



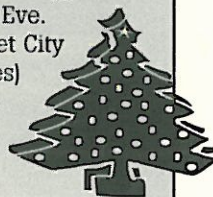
### November

- **Turkey Trot** to be held in November - Your support makes lots of needy families have a wonderful Christmas. You may choose to support the Elf Tree through donating items to be auctioned at the Turkey Trot or you may attend the Turkey Trot and purchase items. All proceeds go directly to the Elf Tree fund.
- **Turkey Collection** - the Youth Council will be collecting turkeys on Saturday November 22 from 9:00 am - Noon.



### December

- **Elf Tree** - You may pick an elf off of the Elf Tree from Dec. 1-15. Items/Money donated for this cause must be turned in by Friday, December 19 to insure that Christmas is wrapped and delivered by Christmas Eve. Please make sure you let City Staff know which elf(ves) you take off the tree so that we can keep track of who has taken.



## News from the Police Department

## Do Your Part in Keeping Our City Safe

It is already back to school time, which means there will be a lot of students walking back and forth to school. Most of the time, they will be out and about when the sun is shining in your eyes, making it hard to see. Please observe the 20 mph speed limit in school zones, obeying the direction of school crossing guards, and not parking in the pedestrian/bike lanes. Numerous citizens have asked us to enforce speed limits in school zones and city ordinances prohibiting parking in the pedestrian/bike lanes. Pedestrian/bike lanes are bordered by a solid white line and are located where there are no sidewalks. We can all help make a safe walkway for our pedestrians by parking in our driveways, to the right of the pedestrian lane, or, if necessary, having guests park across the street.

**Every time a car speeds through a school zone or parks in a pedestrian lane, there is a potential for disaster. Don't let your car be the cause of one.**

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Remember that talking on a cell phone, even with a hands-free head set, divides your attention. Research has shown that, for some unknown reason, talking on a phone takes precedence over many tasks needed to drive safely. Texting while driving is not only illegal, it is a prescription for disaster because it takes your eyes off the road and your hands off the wheel. (It's very hard to drive while looking at your cell phone and steering with your knees...) If you need to talk on the phone, force yourself to pay extra attention to driving your car. Looking away from the road or tak-

ing your hands off the wheel for even a second can reroute your drive from your original destination to the hospital.



**Watch out for  
school-age pedestrians.  
Everyone can help!**

**Pay extra attention when using a cell phone. Don't Text! Accidents don't always happen to someone else, particularly when you are talking or texting on a cell phone.**

Pedestrians can help protect themselves by wearing light colored or reflective clothing and walking in the pedestrian/bike lanes or on the sidewalks, out of traffic. If there is a sidewalk or bike lane, pedestrians are required to use it.

**Just because you can see the car, doesn't mean the person driving it can**

**see you. In a battle between you and a car, you lose! Remember the Lug Nut Rule. "He who has the most lug nuts, wins." And, since you don't have any lug nuts...Look! Listen! Be Careful!**

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We are still having a problem with people not locking the doors of their homes, sheds, and vehicles. Our officers are very invested in your personal safety, and the security of your belonging, but people who would deprive you of those things are generally well versed in the art of their trade. For the most part, they are looking for opportunity more than anything else. If we give them that, they will act on it and leave you to pay the price.

Please secure your personal belonging every day, making it a new habit you instill in all family members. Park your cars in well lit areas if you have to park outside, install extra lighting if the only areas you have to park are dark. Lock your cars as soon as you exit them, and place any personal belongings in your homes, or the trunk. Lock the doors of your home whenever you enter or leave. REPORT any thefts, or even suspicious circumstances to the police. There have been several instances where items were recovered after being stolen, only to find they were never even reported. When we recover property believed to be stolen and can't find the owner, we can't file charges against the suspect, even if they admit they stole the stuff. Generally they just can't seem to remember where they stole it or who from.

**Leaving your cars and homes unlocked turns them into a bargain store and thieves shop all the time!**

## Street Sweeping Scheduled for Sept.

As fall is quickly approaching please help keep our city clean by raking up leaves, lawn clippings and cleaning dirt and debris out of the gutters in front of your property. The city will be sweeping the streets starting September 15 and continuing through September 26. Please park off the streets during the daylight hours so that the street sweeper can clean our roads and gutters more effectively.

Trim over hanging trees and shrubs 7 feet high over sidewalks and 14 feet high over the street in front of your property.

## Youth Council Welcomes 2009 Applications

West Bountiful Youth Council will be accepting applications for next year 2009 beginning October 1 through November 1. Interested youth ages 13-17 can apply beginning October 1 on-line at [www.westbountifulutah.gov](http://www.westbountifulutah.gov) or pick up an application at City Hall. For more information you may contact Rich Eggett 451-4721 or Debbie McKean 298-3179.

## Thanks to Our Independence Day Volunteers

We want to give a Big Thanks to Wendy McFarland who was chairperson of our Independence Day Parade and Amy King Chairperson for the Talent Fair/Kids Exploration Area at the Park Celebration. Also much thanks for each of the committee members who helped them. The talent was awesome and the contests were really fun. Cookie Contest winners were:

- 1st - **Melanie Barker** with her Watermelon Slices
- 2nd - **Valerie Thomas** with her Cinnamon Raisin Bar
- 3rd - **Jodi Foster** with her delicious Favorite Gooney Cookie